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14 February 1977, Suggestion for the internal alterations to the clubhouse were discussed. Copies of the plan and schedules submitted by Mr Fouche for proposed alterations, were to be given to the committee to study prior to the next meeting, when the matter will be fully discussed.

14 March 1977, the plans and schedules were received with favour but as costs were uncertain, Mr Fouche would be requested to favour the committee with estimates, on the cost of each item separately. This information now asked for would be discussed further.

It was decided however that the locker room project should be received priority

Repainting of the Clubhouse, two quotes had been received for consideration one for R350, and the other for R195, the club to provide the paint. The quote for R195 was agreed upon. Mr Brittain would advise the painter concerned to proceed with the work.

Honours Board it was suggested that this was nearly full and that a new board will soon be necessary. Dr. Whitsitt offered to extend the present board by extensions at both ends, which he assured the committee would not detract from the general appearance of the board, and would provide space for a number of years to come. The offer was gratefully accepted and approved.

18 April 1977, painting of the interior of the clubhouse was, completed and the exterior was now being redecorated at a cost of R250. This expense was confirmed.

The implement shed was nearing completion and would cost in the region of R1200. It was pointed out that light fittings and a power point would be necessary. It was also decided and agreed that the windows must be burglar proofed as well as fitting a metal gate to the door.

9 May 1977, Dr. Whitsitt was complimented on the speedy completion of the Honours board and for his outstanding workmanship.

20 June 1977, Mr. Read apologised for not attending to the implement shed due to pressure at work, but promised to do what was necessary as soon as possible.

14 July 1977, The proposed alterations to the clubhouse are not mentioned in any detail apart from the locker room, what was done is not recorded. Quote from the minutes of 8/8/1977 "It was noted that the locker room was clear of the cage which is being fitted outside."

The Ladies were prepared to donate R1500 towards the cost of enclosing the verandah.

12 September 1977, authority from the Liquor Licensing Officer to proceed with, the alterations as per plan submitted was received. It was noted that the work had to be completed by 30th November 1977. It also approved that the consumption of Liquor on the paved area around the clubhouse.

Asalea Tournament, the recent tournament was reviewed in the

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light of certain comments and criticism received. Mr Brittain was authorised, after some discussion, to discuss these points with the sponsors with a view to, eliminate any misunderstanding for future tournaments. It was unanimously agreed that the club must remain in strict control of this annual event, but will advertise the sponsors product as much as possible.

14 November 1977, It was reported that the present alterations were nearing completion. The treasurer explained that further work is to be undertaken at the kitchen and he gave particulars of what the Ladies had asked for. These requirements were reasonable, are now being considered. He also mentioned that he had received R1500 from the Ladies towards the proposed enclosure of the front Verandah of the clubhouse.

12 January 1978, Mr. Brittain advised that Castle Breweries, would install new refrigerators in the New subsidiary Bar, payment would be deferred for one year free of interest. Agreed.

20 February 1978, the club was, advised by the tournament committee, that the club would be Headquarters for the All Natal Tournament, this was discussed at length. It was resolved that the Secretary write stating the clubs position, and especially the embarrassment by accusations that Marttzburg is being favoured for all major events, in view of which, the club was very reluctant to accept the appointment as Headquarters, as requested by the Committee.

10 April 1978, The all Natal Tournament committee replied to the letter from the club acknowledging the clubs decision, but that they were not willing to rescind their decision.

The Ladies were pushing for the enclosure of the front verandah and the alterations to the kitchen.

8 May 1978, Mr. Brittain explained what alterations the ladies wanted at the kitchen, and that the quote of R2950 for the work had been received. The club still had the R1500 that was donated to the club for enclosing the verandah. In view of the position disclosed, he recommended that the Ladies wishes for the alterations to the kitchen be approved.

The R1500 would be refunded towards effecting the required alterations, this will enable the Ladies to finance the work to be done themselves. A meeting to be called to discuss this with the Ladies.

5 June 1978, at the meeting with the ladies it was agreed, that they will now pay for all expenses connected with the alterations. The enclosure of the verandah, to be postponed till a later date.

10 July 1978, A letter was received from N.B.A. re Building for their Headquarters.

This matter would be discussed further once the feelings of all the clubs affiliated were known.

14 August 1978, it was agreed that a reserve fund should be established as soon as possible, in order to make provisions for the purpose of purchasing a new mower in due course. It was estimated that the cost would be in the region of R2000 approximately.

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The improvements to the kitchen nearing completion, were discussed with the Ladies, but it was agreed that as the Ladies were paying for the work, their wishes must be adhered to.

"A" green which would be used on the 27 September for the games against the touring World Bowlers, was at present being renovated and after the Azalea Tournament would not be used for social bowls from the first week in September.

11 September 1978, the alterations to the kitchen were completed, apart from some minor work still to be done to the new scullery which would be attended to by the committee.

The Hobby-horse, of bowlers regarding Selectors.

Some members felt very strongly that selectors, should not be possible candidates for selection to represent the Club or District. This matter would be placed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

16 October 1978, A. G. M. Durban Bowling Club and Stella Park visits. These were discussed at some length. The general consensus of the members regarding these visits was that there appeared to be shortage of interested players and also the congestion in the fixtures, both in Durban and Martsburg, it was felt that it may be necessary to cancel/postpone the visit to Stella Park this year. Some members expressed their disappointment as these annual return friendly visits had been very popular since their inception as long ago as 1906, but accepted the facts that led to this decision. The Committee would try again next year if dates were available and acceptable to both clubs.

13 November 1978, Alterations to Premises; Mr. Brittain reported that following a meeting with the Ladies, he expected some further assistance from them, which would enable, enclosing the verandah and alterations to the Men's Cloak room to be commenced. Mr. Brittain was authorised to arrange with Mr. V Fouché for the necessary plans etc in connection with this matter.

11 December 1978, Ladies Bar; The Secretary mentioned that he had received a request that the committee should consider, the provision of a ladies bar or some facility for women members. After discussion it was agreed that the matter be investigated, and to be considered, again at, the next meeting. The Secretary to enquire into the legal position.

8 January 1979, Ladies Bar; The Secretary reported such could be applied for if desired, but felt the application should be through a lawyer. The meeting felt the need was not there at present, but Mr. Brittain said he would ask a Lawyer friend of his for advice in the matter. Agreed.

Leveller Made by Mr. Read was discussed. It was suggested that the implement should be painted and housed under cover if possible. The use of plastic sheeting as a cover was suggested but deferred to a later date.

12 February 1979, In view of the rising costs in maintaining the greens. It was unanimously resolved that green fees be increased to 30c per player per session, as from the 1st weekend in March.

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Green space for District Competitions; After some discussion, it was agreed that the club delegate to District meetings should ask the District to release any green space offered by clubs for competitions if not required at the time of the draw. Should such green space be required subsequently, application could be made to the club concerned. It was also agreed to ask District to exercise more care in selection of greens from Quarterfinals onwards. Green space for these events should be carefully selected and the club then approached for necessary greens.

Building; The question of danger of fire was discussed, and decided that the City Fire Department, be approached for an inspection of the premises. (12/3/79) The City Fire Department had made an inspection of the premises and stated that the club was sufficiently provided for in the event of a fire.

Frank Lumbert; As permants will in future be presented to the winning club in this competition, it was agreed that the club ask the District to provide the club with a permant for 1978 at the clubs expense.

12 March 1979, Mr Read the green keeper reminded members that a new mower will be required in the near for see able future, this was noted, and will be discussed with the ladies with the view of obtaining their assistance.

Mr Read mentioned that he has made a new leveller for the greens.

Buildings; A discussion arose on the necessity of enclosing the verandah, several members felt that the expenditure was unwarranted and that the funds could be put to better use, such as the purchase of a new mower. It was also mentioned that the free circulation of fresh air into the club could be restricted. As funds had already been specifically set aside for the enclosure of the verandah, the matter will have to be discussed with the ladies.

Insurance; The treasurer reported that the insurance had been reviewed and the following increased cover is now recommended;

All Risk.	R10 000.
Public Liability.	R100 000
Building (Fire).	R75 000
Equipment.	R30 000
Burglary.	R1000
Cash.	R1000

These increased amounts will increase the premium payable annually to R475.00. After a brief discussion the recommendation was accepted.

9 April 1979, Building alterations. Work on the men's cloak room, Mr Wearing explained that this work will be delayed till after the Easter Holidays. He estimated that the cost would be R900.00 approximately. The enclosure of the verandah, it was agreed to close one end after discussions with the ladies.

The Chairman reported that the Ladies had agreed to consider an appeal from the club for assistance towards the purchase of a new mower when required. Mr Holden mentioned savings and means by which some savings on the cost could be achieved.

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9 April 1979, re Burglary proofing windows, the Chairman reported that it had been found that the present system was out of date, and ineffective and suggested that new burglar proofing should be done at the four windows. After discussion it was decided to investigate the matter further before making a final decision.

New Ties. A sample of a suggested club tie was exhibited, the cost would be approximately R5.00. All members agreed it was an improvement on the present one, and agreed to accept that they should be purchased in principle, final decision to be taken at a later meeting after more particulars were available.

21 May 1979, Work on the men's cloakroom would be commenced during the course of this week, an extractor fan would also be installed.

Honours Board. Complaints had been received from some members that the honours board was old and did not provide for many honours. The Honours board in the clubhouse was being compared with those of other clubs. After discussion it was agreed that the members raise this matter at the Annual General meeting.

9 July 1979, The chairman, mentioned that some consideration be given to redecorate the bar's interior. It was suggested that suitable tables with flaps with seating be provided against the wall. These suggestions were discussed at length and deferred for further discussions after members had, had an opportunity to analyse the suggestions.

13 August 1979, Mr Brittain gave a detailed report on the work being done to the men's cloakroom and the expenditure thereof totalling R1148.78. This amount does not include the tiles, which would be accounted for later.

The cost of providing an undercover shelter for the leveller would cost R160 and this amount was approved and the work to be put in hand. The redecorating of the interior of the clubhouse was deferred to a later date seeing that it was the intention, to do the whole clubhouse next year.

10 September 1979, The green keeper reported that (A) green was closed for spring treatment, and warned that over the next few months only two greens would be available. It was his intention to do spring maintenance on all the greens one after the other until all greens had been done. Agreed.

A quotation of R65 was approved to extend the burglar alarm system to include the shed for the empties.

15 October 1979, Spring maintenance on (A) green was completed, (C) green is to be fertilised and (B) green would be scurfed. The green keeper again stressed that members must not expect more than two greens, being available for play over the next few months. It was reported that two of the mowers had been repaired.

Social visit to Stella Park was arranged for the 4 November 1979, Eight Men's rinks and four Lady's rinks would be required. Notice to go on the board as soon as possible.

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It was mentioned that there were two second hand air conditioners for sale at R250 each, which could be installed in the bar. The treasurer elaborated on the financial status of the club, and warned members that provision will have to be made, over the next twelve months, to meet the cost of a new mower, and in addition a reserve fund should be started, to provide for the replacement of the bar fridges. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the money not be used to purchase the air conditioners but rather set aside for the new mower.

25 October 1979 The Posts of Junior Vice President and Competition Secretary, Mr. K. Heamson considered that the post of Junior Vice President was redundant and should be replaced by that of the Competition Secretary, who should then also be elected to office at the A. G. M. in the normal manner. He would give notice to move at the next A. G. M. accordingly.

12 November 1979, The suggestion to abolish the office of Junior Vice President and instead have a Competition Secretary, was discussed and favoured by the committee. The Secretary was authorised to arrange a Special General Meeting in the new year, in order to obtain the members authority to necessary amendments to the Constitution required.

20 November 1979, At a Special General Meeting. The Secretary asked that the meeting favour that the club representative to the District Annual General Meeting with a mandate regarding the Notice of Motion asking for a sub-committee to be formed to investigate the feasibility and advisability of affiliating directly to S. A. B. A. as a separate District. After discussion the Delegate was authorised to support the Motion.

14 January 1980, Thanks to the negotiations by the President, a new Scott Bonner mower will be ordered for delivery in February/March. The Lady's donation of R500 was received and the men resolved that the efforts of the ladies section to raise funds for the mower, will be fully supported by the men's section. The Chairman of the Azalea Tournament committee, Mr. Joe Brittain asked that, he be relieved of the responsibility of organising this tournament. After some considerable discussions he agreed that he would continue with some of the preliminary work, for the ensuing year with the assistance of the President and Mr. Bassett.

It was reported that the ice-making machine was faulty, and that a new one could be purchased for R2000. It was decided to try and repair the old one if possible.

14th April 1980. On the 10 July 1978 mention is made of the consideration of N. B. A. wanting to erect build for their Headquarters. They are now inviting clubs to offer a building site in their grounds. Agreed to consider and decide later when more particulars are available.

14 July 1980, Letter received informing the club that Headquarters for the 1981 All Natal would be Martsburg Bowling Club. Messrs Whitsett, Brittain and Muller to meet with Tournament Committee to discuss all arrangements.

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14 July 1980, Under general the Chairman suggested that an open discussion on club matters take place. Mr. Holden was asked to open the discussions, He referred to the apparent lack of interest and support of the club in general, he could not put his finger on the matter, but felt that the conditions in the bar were far from attractive, and that something should be done, so as to try and attract members to support the bar, as this was the main source of our finances. The number of members playing tabs-in bowls was also decreasing. It was suggested to have wooden plaques (sample was displayed) with their names on. These plaques to be purchased by members/ Visitors at say R2 and that they be secured on a wall in the bar.

11 August 1980, fund raising bricks, the Treasurer showed the committee samples of these wooden bricks, and after discussions on which sample to agree upon, it was eventually decided on one with better lettering on, and at a cost of 60c each including the name on.

The tiling of the men's cloak room was discussed next, a quotation from Marley Tile for the required at a cost of R239.69 was considered. Someone mentioned Nouton may be cheaper. Agreed that a quotation be obtained from them and the cheaper price would be accepted. This matter was left in the hands of Messrs McLay and Brittain.

The results of the soil analysis(which incidently cost R18.00) was very encouraging and most satisfactory. Nitrogen was required. Mr. Read had recommended Nitrogen, it was decided to apply this chemical immediately. Mr. Read also mentioned that the big scoreboard had been repaired with the 8 creosoted poles agreed upon at the previous meeting.

8 September 1980, Mr. Bassett reported on the matter of the District Affiliating Direct to S. A. B. A. it was specially requested that the Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates attend a discussion forum on 18 September 1980 on the subject. The committee felt that this was a matter for discussion at the A.G.M. and then to be acted upon.

13 October 1980, the club was advised that the Ladies inter- Provincial would be held in Pietermaritzburg and that Maritzburg Bowling club was to be Heat quarters. The Secretary was to inform the Tournament Committee that the Men's Cloak room could not be used by the Ladies, this being prohibited under the Liquor Act.

10 November 1980, Noted that the ice-making machine was giving trouble and that a replacement be considered. Left in abeyance.

8 December 1980, Pearce Cup; The Secretary reported, that this Cup had been discovered by Mr. Read. It was played for according to the engraving on the cup from 1945 to 1954 but thereaffer there was no record, nor is there any record as to what competition this was presented for. Mr. Redman seemed to recollect it was for the runners-up of either the senior singles or open singles. It was agreed that this cup should be presented to the runner-up of the open singles.

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8 December 1980, Request by Standard Cricket club; The Chairman, mentioned a suggestion, made by Mr Brittain, that in order to meet the Cricket Club and at the same time relieve the Bar Steward, from late service on some week-end evenings; that a stock of liquor be supplied to the Cricket Club and stored in the subsidiary bar. They would pay for the stock on receipt at retail prices and again of receipt of replacements. The Cricket Club would then arrange to serve their members when required from the subsidiary bar without imposing on the Bar Steward for late service. Discussion ensued and doubts were expressed as to how we would stand with the Liquor Licensing Board under the LIQUOR Act. Resolved that the matter be investigated and decided upon at the next meeting.

12 January 1981, Cricket club; the request from members of the Cricket Club, had been further discussed at an informal Special Meeting, when it was decided to agree to their request, on the basis suggested by them, that the purchase of liquor from the bar, at bar prices, from time to time and, served from the subsidiary bar. This would be done under the control of Mr. Ray Freese and would relieve our bar helpers when late service was required. It was also a condition that the Lounge and premises be kept in a reasonably neat condition. These arrangements do not appear to conflict with the Liquor Act requirements.

Ice-making machine; It was reported that the one machine was beyond repair and the other was also old faulty from time to time. The Treasurer said that a new Scotsman was available at a price of R3000, but this could be obtained through the Breweries and repaid at R250 per month. It was agreed to purchase this machine.

9 February 1981, Letter from the All Natal Tournament Committee received, and after careful consideration, it was resolved; (a) permission granted for the use of the club for the draw on, March 5, bar service to be arranged as requested, Mr. Hearnon to assist; (b) Permission was also granted for the use of the club for the briefing meeting on Tuesday 26 May; (c) With regard to the possibility of the Tournament not ending on Sat 20 June, and in such event green space would be required on Sunday 21, for the completion of the final; The committee agreed that whereas the club was committed to the Meat Traders for their Tournament on that Sunday, the Secretary to reply that in the circumstances, the club can only reserve one green for the finals, if such required, and that the other greens will be held available for the Meat Traders Tournament. The club facilities will be available to both competitions.

A suggestion from the District that, a plate event, for the loser in the first round, of the singles was being considered. This was thought to be a good idea and the club were in favour of this event.

9 March 1981, the old Mower, that was scrapped was converted to an anti-jungus spraying machine and was working well. Mr. Read, was commended on his invention and thanked by the committee

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13 April 1981, Mr. Brittain that a request had come from N.B.A. for a certain piece of the club's ground on which to erect a building to serve as N.B.A. headquarters. This was discussed and it was resolved to agree in principle, and to recommend to the members, that such a building be erected if, required by N. B. A. 11 May 1981, it was agreed to construct a temporary room on the veranda, for use by the All Natal Tournament committee. Cost of material R65. Mr Read would do the work.

13 July 1981, The painting of the club house would be deferred till after the All Natal, estimated cost R1200.00. was approved. Requirements for the Ladies Inter-Provincial as requested by S.A.W.B.A. was noted and would be attended to; 2 meter pegs, Mats of good quality, flag poles for all Provinces participating.

14 September 1981, in the absence of the green keeper, the Secretary submitted a diagram with comments on the requirements of the T.V. camera crewmen, for the Inter-Provincial Final on "A" green. These were noted. It was also agreed to make two greens available for the ladies to practice on the week-end prior to the commencement of the Inter-Provincial Tournament. District Matters: Mr. McLay gave a full report and where necessary was given guidance by the meeting as to the feelings of the committee. Several important matters were referred to, such as a request by from Port Natal to stage the All Natal in Durban only, this was strongly opposed by the committee.

12 October 1981, Mr. Read reported on all the greens and mentioned that "A" green was being rested as much as possible for the Ladies Inter-Provincial.

At the A.G.M. on 22 October 1981, The Chairman, after giving a short summary of the office held by Mr. Read and mentioned numerous services rendered to the club by this faithful member moved as an unopposed motion from the committee, that Honorary Life Membership be bestowed to Him. This was accepted with standing applause, 9 November 1981, Water grass had caused problems and also due to the congested bowling calendar he had not been able to rest the greens and do remedial treatment.

The condition of the greens, which had resulted in unfavourable comments outside, specially during the Ladies Inter-Provincial was discussed at some length. It was resolved that the top dressing should be done immediately, and that in future NO green space be allowed to outside hedges during the months September and October. It was also resolved that an endeavour be made to cancel any current agreements, for green space be made immediately.

Alterations to the Clubhouse: Mr. Brittain mentioned that it was hoped to have some Major alterations effected in and to the clubhouse. He requested that a sub-committee be appointed to go into the matter. The Chairman, Mr. Brittain and Mr. Read were appointed as the special committee to consider the proposals and report back as soon as possible.

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Building Maintenance; Messrs Read, Brittain and Redman; it was resolved that these gentlemen should regularly inspect the premises and should any defects be observed, they are authorised to have the matter attend to without delay after consultation with the other Sub-committee members.

14 December 1981, The Chairman produced a framed plaque which, he received at the recent Council Meeting. The plaque had been received by the District, from the Pietermaritzburg Publicity Association, commemorating the foundation of, P. D. B. A. in 1921. As recorded in the early minutes of this Association, our club had been the prime mover in the formation of this Association, hence the District executive had resolved to present this plaque to our club for display and preservation. This gesture was noted with appreciation.

Crack were noticed in the walls of the clubhouse and that the situation was getting worse and it was decided that the matter be attended to immediately. It was felt that specialised opinion should be obtained. It was agreed to that an Architect be consulted. Mr Brittain to make enquiries and report back.

11 January 1982, the committee, were concerned about the Lights/Water account being excessively high. A general discussion ensued on the position and several suggestions were made as to how this account could be controlled. Dr. Whitsett said he had spoken casually mentioning this to Mr. G. Davies of the Municipality. Mr. Davies requested the account so he could go into the matter and would offer investigation get back to the club.

8 February 1982, Dr. Whitsett gave an encouraging report on his discussions and interviews with top Municipal Officials concerning the clubs electricity bill. He intimated that there could be an immediate rebate to the Club on the MCB charges. He further advised that Mr. Mc Allister, from the Electricity Department, had inspected, the appliances being used in the kitchen and recommended that club apply to have a lower MCB for the kitchen fitted at a cost of R3.00. He would like to check the bar before making any recommendations. This official pointed out that the club could for the purpose of any major Tournament apply for an increased MCB at a fee of R3.00 for each MCB changed and the change back after the tournament to the normal MCB also at a cost of R3.00. It was agreed to act in accordance with the official's recommendations.

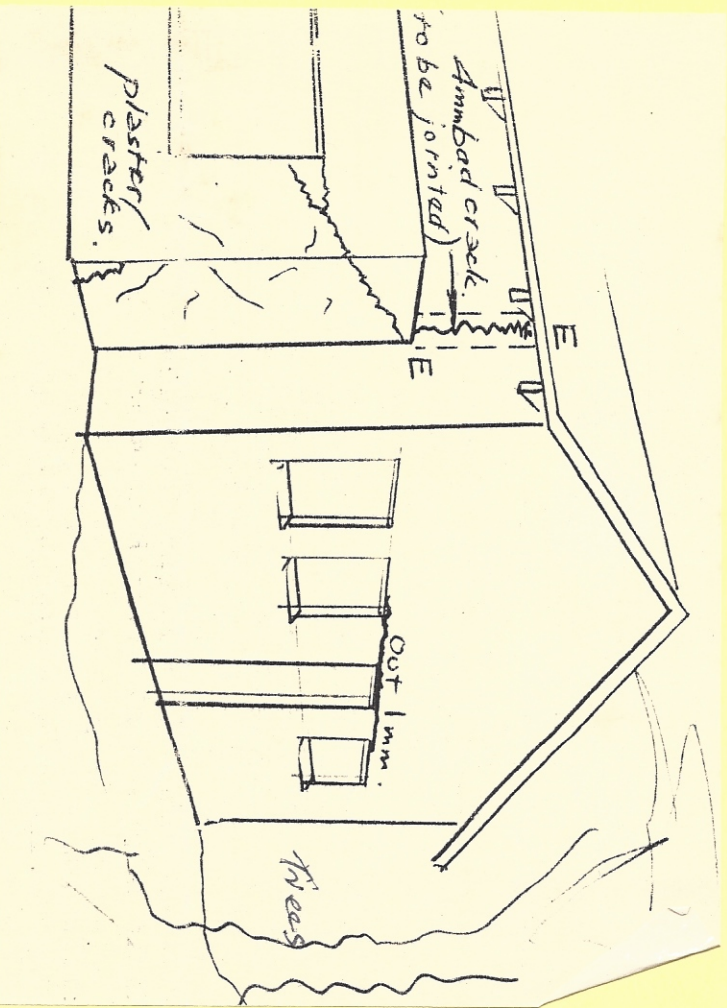
Regarding the water consumption it was found that some mains being very old were leaking, and that consideration be given to replace them. It was decided to call a Special General Meeting on the 19 March 1982 at 4.30pm, in the interim quotations to be obtained for the replacement of the water mains so a decision could be made at the Special Meeting in March.

At the Special Meeting three quotes were to hand and it was resolved to accept the quote of Mr. Dunn at a cost of R246.00, Further the work to be put in hand immediately.

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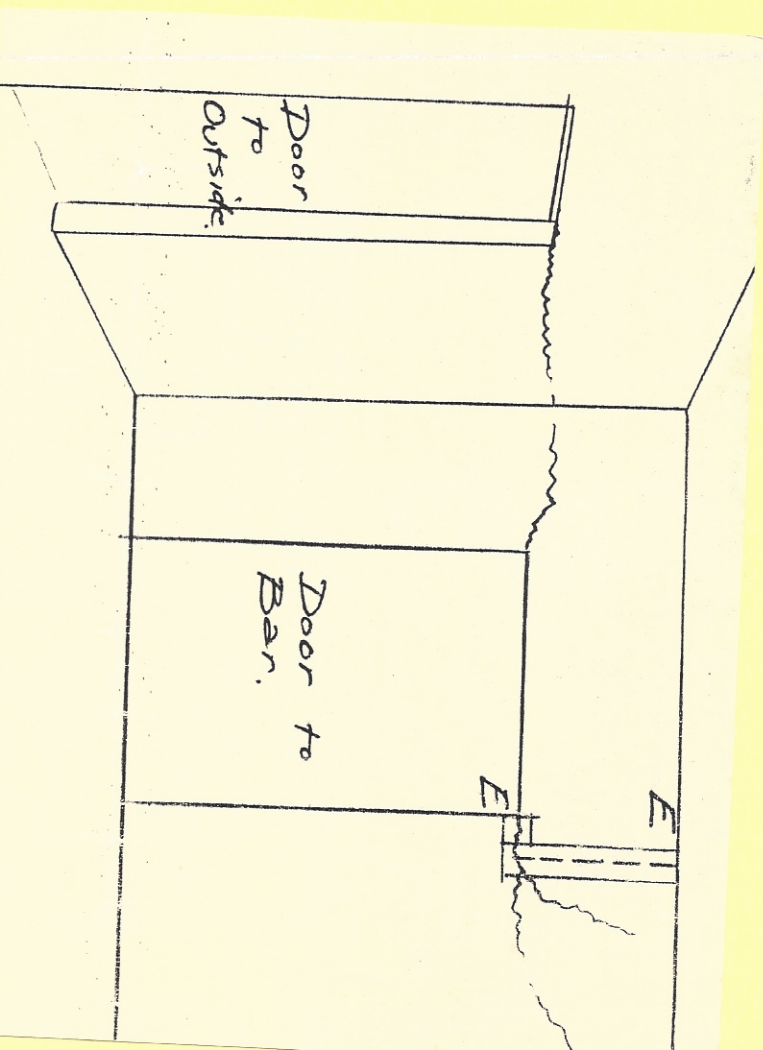
8 February 1982, the cracks in the wall mentioned earlier, were inspected by Mr. David Erasmus of Scott & De Wal Consulting Civil Engineers, a written report was submitted, after discussion it was agreed to act in accordance with the recommendations at a later date as advised by Mr. Erasmus. (See drawings and report below and on next page). The report has been condensed due to the fact it would take up too much space to record the full report as originally submitted, but the pertinent points are all mentioned.

Observation: Cracks seem to occur in two areas 1; the South-West, corner mostly externally as shown on the sketch below. These cracks vary from 2 to 0.5mm and appear to be rather, random but can be associated with a slight tilting of the gable wall.



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2. In the mid gable position where the bar/locker room a number of slight cracks appear up to 1.0 to 1.5mm. The pattern is as shown on sketch below.



These cracks appear to have occurred sometime sometime been repaired. Causes of cracking are caused by the movement of the ground due to the variations in, moisture content such as after a long dry spell or where trees dry out the soil. Remedial Measures; (a) By epoxy injection to rebond the brick work. (b) Surface cosmetics over rebonded cracks ie replaster, (c) by forming permanent movement joints so as to allow unavoidable movements to take place. In this way a joint is cut straight along an existing crack and the joint is then covered with a board secured to one side only. Recommended to wait for dry period before any repaiting is done

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19 April 1982, It was reported that the new water piping had been installed. The Secretary reported that, it had been found possible, to obtain a substantial saving in water charges, by the installation of an additional water meter, at the club house in order to establish the exact volume of water used by Club for domestic purposes, as separate from use for the greens. The rate for domestic water was higher than that for irrigation an application to the Municipality for a meter had been submitted. 14 June 1982, The Treasurer reported that he had a quotation of R1080.00 for the painting of the Clubhouse, interior and exterior, this price included the paint. The quote was accepted and the work to be put in hand without delay, the interior was to be given priority and done first.

9 August 1982, Mr. Brittain informed the meeting that his services as treasurer would not be available in the new year. He also mentioned that, in his opinion, the Offices of treasurer and bar convenor, should both be undertaken, by one person. The Secretary was requested to place a notice on the board to inform members of the position of Treasurer/Bar convenor and thereby creating the possibility of some suitable member offering his services.

13 September 1982, Mr. Redman intimated that he was planning to retire as Bar convenor, although still Evergreen his age had brought him to this decision, to leave the work to others. He asked the committee to accept his resignation as bar convenor and all other jobs connected with the bar.

The committee unanimously recorded an unopposed motion of thanks to Mr. Redman for many years of loyal service to the club. The Chairman pointed out that this gentleman had served the club in practically every possible way, and wished him many years of good health, happiness and good bowling.

28 October 1982, The chairman congratulated Mr. Frank Carbis who has now represented Natal 100 Times, this announcement was met with Applause. Well done Cobber.

Mr. Brittain who was retiring as treasurer was handing of to Mr. Luyt whom he felt sure would continue and maintain the Club's finances on the present sound basis. The Chairman informed the meeting that Joe Brittain had agreed to serve on the General Committee was received with applause.

8 November 1982, A letter from the ladies section mentioned the price of a new piano, R1395.00 less trade in of the old instrument R295 plus GST left a balance of R1160 payable by the ladies, would appreciate any contributions from the men. It was decided to donate R600.00.

Mr Luyt would also take over the office of Bar convenor. 13 December 1982, Women in the bar, The Chairman mentioned this subject, there had been complaints from several members supporting the bar. It was agreed that the Lady President be requested to bring this matter to the attention of the Ladies and impress upon them that the admission of ladies in the bar was contrary to the Liquor Act and could result in the loss of our Licence.

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Ladies bar, a lengthy discussion ensued on the necessity of a ladies bar, and was approved in principle. The following were appointed as a sub-committee to go into the matter and report back, Messrs J. Brittain, W. Bissett, J.H. Webb and the Secretary. Men's Room Mr. Webb explained the cause of the bad odour in the Men's room, he said that the air was not being properly circulated, and mentioned methods by which this undesirable position could be rectified. He was asked to make a survey on some tournament days to establish the position and report back.

10 January 1983, Anti's on the greens; It was noted that the green keeper was attending to this matter, but the eradication appears to be very slow. Mr. Brittain suggested that as in the past the services of Service Master be requested at a cost of R60.00 per green. It was agreed that Mr. Brittain speaks to Mr. Read to arrange for the greens to be done by Service Master. As a precaution, only one green at a time to be done.

14 February 1983, it was noted that four ceiling fans had been fitted in the bar as required. With regard to the hatch, Mr. Webb asked that the hatch would be involved in the alterations being contemplated, that it be, suitably repaired temporarily. Agreed.

Ladies Bar; Mr. Webb reported that the sub-committee had gone into the matter of alterations, and that he would prepare plans, which will be displayed for information, and thereupon, the sub-committee would welcome any Constructive criticism/suggestions in writing from members.

4 March 1983, at the Special Meeting of the General Committee called for discussing the content of a circular from NBA, (copies of which have been circulated to members) regarding the provision of Head Quarters for the NBA, and submitting three alternative proposals from Natal, for financing the construction of such premises.

The Chairman reported that the District Executive had considered the matter and Mr. McIay briefly explained their findings. To cut a long story short the committee felt that this could not be decided on, by this committee and that should go to a General Meeting of members for a decision.

14 March 1983, it was reported that NBA Head Quarters were going to be at Collegians Club, and that every affiliated member would be called upon to contribute R1.00 one Rand. There was some doubt however as to whether this matter had been finalised.

The effect of the prolonged drought on the greens was discussed. Mr. Stone moved and seconded by Mr. Bissett that obtaining water from the Dusi river be investigated. It was mentioned that in the past there had been trouble with the grass caused by the river water, it was suggested to filter the water. Mr. Brittain mentioned the possibility of sinking a bore-hole on the property. It was agreed that the greens committee, go into the suggestions made as a matter of urgency.

11 April 1983, The greens keeper's report was noted; He stressed the urgency of obtaining water from the Dusi as he had some doubts about the volume of water the bore-hole could supply.

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The matter was fully discussed and left to the greens committee to investigate further and submit their findings, to a special meeting of the general committee. Letters from the Municipality with regard to the position of the bore-hole were received and noted. (See pages 78 & 79)

Protection for the bar helpers was, requested by Mr. Double, when they had to close later than usual in the evenings. It was agreed that the bar helpers should always ensure that he leaves the premises with the last customer to go. They should in need be asked to wait for the bar assistant to lock up. Members would usually be found quite willing to co-operate.

I hope the readers will not be bored on the whole with the next event in the history of the club.

9 May 1983, The President asked, that as the green keeper was present, and not well that the first item on the agenda be that on greens. The greens and more especially the question of water or the lack thereof.

Mr. Webb then explained the position from the water Board's point of view. He stressed that all water flowing into the Umgeni, were subject to restrictions. The Municipality has no authority over the Duzi water, and it therefore seemed clear that we could at any time be stopped from taking water from this river.

The Chairman then explained what was visualised with regard to taking water from the Duzi, he said this project would cost in the region R1161.00 with a new pump and R1020.00 with a good second hand pump.

It was mentioned that temporary assistance from the Croquet club was available, but this would entail the purchase of piping at a cost of approximately R174.00. The green keeper recommended getting the water from the croquet club Mr. Brittain agreed, Mr. Webb seconded the latter proposal. All agreed.

Here we go Mr Brittain then reported on the BORE-HOLE project. It had been recommended to bore at the compost heap, it also seemed that plenty of under ground water was available. The cost of installing such a bore-hole was uncertain. Mr. Brittain moved seconded by Mr. Webb that a firm price be obtained and decided upon as soon as possible.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Read for his attendance and he retired from the meeting.

Building alterations was then discussed at some length. Some members felt that the matter be postponed pending the water project, others felt that the alterations should proceed with, Mr. Grobler that there were several ways of raising the necessary funds. If an endeavour, is to be made. It was resolved that the plans for that building project be drawn up with an itemised cost for the various alterations, and displayed then the members could comment thereon in writing.

There was a delay in starting the bore-hole, but the person responsible promised within two day the boring would commence. It was agreed that the services of Mr. Clapham which, was available free, be sought to confirm the exact spot for boring.

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11 July 1983, Bore-hole and storage tanks; letters from the Municipality were read for the information of the members and were noted. The whole subject was then discussed at length all work was left in the hands of Mr. Webb and Mr. Brittain who were authorised to use their discretion as to what, materials are to be used.

8 August 1983, Mr. Webb submitted estimates totalling R3018 for the pumping equipment to be installed. A lengthy discussion ensued as the committee, were under the impression that the tender by Mr. D' Santos included the pump. This does not appear to be the case and it was eventually agreed that Mr. Webb be authorised to proceed and obtain the necessary equipment in accordance with a cost as mentioned by him.

12 September 1983, Mr. Webb mentioned that with the installation of the pump and electrical expenses, the cost came to R3175 plus extra charges of R245. The Treasurer estimated that the total expenses in connection with this project would come to approximately R3065.00.

The Secretary was requested to write to the Croquet Club thanking them for their assistance given to the Club.

There seemed to be some differences of opinion on the volume of water from the bore-hole, it appears that 100 (one hundred) gallons per hour would be a safe figure to work on at present.

The matter of security was then discussed the sub-committee to go into the matter.

Security around the bore-hole was quoted at a cost of R500.00 and had been accepted and the work put in hand.

SO ENDS THE BORING STORY.

9 January 1984, Mr. Read had telephonically informed the President that he was resigning as green keeper and as a member of the greens committee. This was accepted with regret.

The position of green keeper to be posted on the notice Board calling on those interested to contact the President.

9 April 1984, New format for Keryb cup/ Permanent cup; This matter was discussed at length, after which the Delegate was authorised to accept the new format in principle, but to press for games to be played over two week ends, and the order of these Inter-club competitions to be altered to provide, Division 1—Keryb cup, Division 2 Permanent cup and 3 Presidents or Sponsored cup.

14 May 1984, An offer of R250.00 was accepted for the old ice making machine. It was, further agreed, that should an additional amount of ice be required, a machine be hired. If this was not practicable, the matter of purchasing, another machine as a standby to be considered.

The Old Mower was being repaired at a cost of approximately R600.00, Mr. Stoute's action was confirmed but it was pointed out that approval for expenditure of this nature, should in future first be referred to the committee for approval. Mr. Stoute explained the fight against star grass, also the theft of some of the mowing equipment. In future all mowers to be chained together.

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14 May 1984, Men's toilet facilities; this was referred to and reported to be in a very bad state. It was agreed that the building committee to take action, an expenditure of R2000.00 was authorised.

11 June 1984, Bar serving hatch; Dr Nepier and Joe Brittain reported on their meeting with Mr. Terblanch of the Liquor Department. After discussions it was agreed to display the plans of the proposed alterations on the notice board for the information of members. Ant comments thereon to be in writing to the Secretary

Men's toilet facilities; The Renovations was discussed, it was decided to refit the room and to construct a porcelain urinal. The amount voted for the work involved was increased to R4000, plus in need, the work is to be put in hand immediately.

9 July 1984, Mr. Webb quoted prices for the alterations and improvements to the men's toilet. These were;

Builder.	R1830.00
Tiling.	R1300.00
Materials.	R1394.00
Plumbing.	R. 750.00
Mirror.	<u>R. 250.00</u>
Total	R5524.00

As it had been decided that the stainless urinal would remain these costs would be reduced. However, lights and painting were also required so that the figure of R5500 was reasonable accurate. It was pointed out that repairs done so far amounted to R560.00 Mr. Webb said this was not lost as this would be incorporated into the altered system. He also recommended and it was agreed, that an automatic flushing system be introduced. He also advised that the hand basins would be replaced.

Mr. McIlroy asked why other quotation had not been called for. After discussions it was agreed that Mr. Webb would get other quotes and that a special committee meeting be called for on 12 July 1984. To discuss this matter further.

Greens; Three quotations were received for the erection of a concrete wall around the West area of the club property was discussed. It was agreed that the quote of R2363.00 from Duracrete be accepted. Mr. Stoute was asked to contact Duracrete for the extra wall in place of the proposed brick wall. (NB Phoned Duracrete extra cost R119.00). Mr. Webb reported on the rusting of the water tanks, part of which was caused by electrolosis. Tanks to be emptied on Tuesday and Mr. Webb will paint the inside of the tanks.

12 July 1984, At a Special Meeting of the committee to discuss the cost of the proposed alterations to the men's toilets, there was some dissatisfaction, regarding the method adopted to obtain quotations. After some discussion it was resolved that a further Special Meeting to be called for on the 16 July to discuss this matter further.

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16 July 1984, at this Special Meeting of the committee the Chairman, Mr. De Wet said that the meeting was called for to finalise, the matter on the alterations to the men's toilets. He also stressed and appealed to members to argue their case frankly, but abide by the decision of the Majority and, not thereafter discuss or criticise the position outside the Meeting. It was unanimously resolved after lengthy discussions that 5 Separate quotations, for the 5 specific projects for the alterations to be obtained in writing.

13 August 1984, Mr Pearson proposed and it was unanimously agreed that:

(a) A suitable plan showing the proposed alterations for the serving, hatch to be displayed on the notice board together with the estimated cost.

(b) That a Special General Meeting be called for on the 6 September when the only discussion would be on the alterations and, the members to vote for or against.

Secretary to publish notice in the paper and on the notice board. Mr Stoute reported that, the concrete wall had been completed and, that gates fixed in position. He was asked to obtain prices for 3ft, 4ft and 5ft walls for the area from the main entrance to the back gate.

8 October it was decided to have the bore-hole water tested. It was also reported that the work in the men's toilets was completed with the exception of the extractor fan.

25 October 1984, At the Annual General Meeting, Hon. Life Membership was conferred on Mr. F.J. Muller in recognition for his dedicated and long service as Secretary from 1973 to 1984. He had informed the committee some months ago that he would not be available for re-election.

12 November 1984, A letter was received from the Ladies section requesting that the kitchen be enlarged. This was left in the hands of the in-counting building sub-committee. Mr Webb would go into the matter, and plans would be drawn up and shown to the Ladies Section as they would be responsible for the cost thereof.

Mr. Stoute reported to the committee about the problem that had arisen; the bore-hole water was unsuitable for any use whatsoever, he also said that he wanted to revert to the use of river water for irrigating the greens. He would investigate if the pipes from the river were still in good order and, would report to the committee at the next meeting.

10 December 1984, Mr. Stoute the green keeper, reported that the pump and electrical cable had been recovered, and would be stored in a safe place.

Mr. Stoute also mentioned that when it rained, a substantial amount of water ran to waste from the large roof of the clubhouse. He was investigating the possibility of installing a large tank in the grounds of the club, in order to make use of the rainwater. If this was approved it could interfere with the parking area. He was instructed to carry on with the investigation

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7 February 1985, It was reported that an offer of R400 had been made for the Hore-hole pump and electrical cable and fittings, it was suggested that Messrs Stoute and Luyt negotiate the best price. It was sold for R500.

11 March 1985, As all members had not been advised about the Special General Meeting on the 18 March, the meeting could be null and void, after discussion it was agreed to cancel the Meeting and, that the proposed building alterations be shelved. Mr. Webb enquired of the treasurer the approximate figure available, if it was decided on any work to be done on the Clubhouse. The treasurer advised that there was R13 000.00

15 April 1985, Mr. Webb submitted the following quotes from Mr Struckmeyer for repairs to the building;

Repairs to the roof.	R.310. 00.
Extractor fan for men's toilets.	R.720. 00.
(Excluding electricity)	
Brick constructed retaining wall above "C" green.	R.3150. 00.
Kitchen extensions.(Excluding floors and Electricity)	R.4120.00

The committee unanimously agreed to the following action.

1. Repairs to the roof.
2. Installation of extractor fan over the Men's urinal.
3. The builder to requote using cement blocks for retaining wall.
4. The Ladies alterations be supported subject to the approval of the Municipality and Liquor Board. Proposed and seconded that the men's section, donate the sum of R2000.00.towards the kitchen alterations.

Azalea Tournament Committee: The Chairman advised that his committee was Himself, and Messrs Stoute, Robertson, Luyt and the President J. de Wet.

Joe Brittain who was Tournament Chairman from, 1962 to 1984, had requested not to be considered.

17 May 1985, The Ladies advised that the alterations to the kitchen had been shelved for the time being. This matter would be discussed at their Annual General Meeting, and the committee would be advised of their decision.

A letter was received from Mr. Hearnon wherein, he stated that he was resigning from the committee, and as competition secretary. Mr. Beurpark was co-opted for the rest of the year.

District advised that the official names of the three divisions in the league were as follows;

- 1st Division. Team Motors Trophy.
- 2nd Division. Permanent Cup.
- 3rd Division. Presidents Cup.

Mr Webb was congratulated on the wall that had been built, quite a few people had complimented on the wall.

The Azalea Committee would now be Messrs Stoute, Luyt, Robertson, the President and Bradley.

28 October 1985, Fund raising account; it was decided that a new account would be opened to include all funds raised from

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Raffles, sale of bricks, etc. Three signatories would be necessary, viz; The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon Secretary.

It was also decided that three quotations must be obtained in writing for any works or purchases estimated to cost in excess of R300.00, also that not more than R300 per month could be spent on emergency supplies for greens and associated equipment.

Mr. Brittain the chairman requested that all emergency expenditure be submitted to the committee for approval.

Mr. Stoute the green keeper request permission to do the bank of all the greens at an estimated cost of R350 per green, inclusive of labour. It was decided that the matter should be represented to the committee, through Mr. Bradley conenor of greens Sub-committee, with final estimates in due course, for ratification.

9 December 1985, Mr. Joe Brittain was congratulated on being conferred with Hon Life President of the District.

The expenditure of R1438.40 for the new fridge doors, hinges, etc which was approved by the previous committee, was ratified.

It was agreed to go ahead with the river water scheme, even though the cost of equipment was likely to exceed R3. 000.00.

Buildings; Mr. Webb reported that the ladies required no alterations to the kitchen, with exception of an increase in the size of the serving hatch, for which they would pay.

Mr Webb was instructed to go ahead with quotations for;

- (1) Painting of the clubhouse - interior only to begin with.
- (2) Replacing damaged/broken roof tiles.
- (3) Replacing defective guttering.

13 January 1986, The green keeper reported that B green banks had now been repaired at a total cost of R423 including labour, but a further R120 may have to be spent on additional top-soil.

He was authorised to go ahead. Mr. Stoute said that he might be able to extend the life of the bank-cutting machine for a few months but urgently required a new trimming - machine. Mr Bradley reported that the only suitable trimmer appeared to be the "Warrior" at a cost of approximately R409.00 plus tax. The committee agreed that the machine be purchased, he also reported that the irrigation scheme from the river had almost been completed, at an approximate cost of R2850.00.

10 February 1986, Greens; it was reported that the green keeper had now completed major renovations to all the greens and that C green would shortly be opened.

Mr Bradley reported that the cycle track adjacent to A and B greens had become a problem as passer-by were apparently throwing stones onto the greens. He suggested a letter to the City Engineers office recommending that the cycle track be done away with, as well as a letter to the Director of Parks and Gardens recommending that an ornamental wall be erected along the boundary and that other beautification work be carried out. It was resolved that the President, Green Keeper and Mr. Webb should arrange a meeting with City Councillors Edwards and Fuller to discuss the matter, following which a letter could be addressed to the City Engineers Offices on the lines suggested by Mr. Bradley.